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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: David A. Nichols et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. "1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. "1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate (Small Entity)	Addit. Fee	Rate	Addit. F
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	1	0	x 9 =	\$0	x 18 =	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	1	0	X 42 =	\$0	x 84 =	\$0
□ First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				130		+ 260	\$0

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